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In re :
Perkins, et al. : DECISION REGARDING
Application No. 10/087,897 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Filed: March 1, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. 006759.00016 :
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This is a decision on the "SECOND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705", filed June 22, 2006. Applicants request that the initial determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be corrected from two hundred twenty-nine (229) days to five hundred thirty (530) days.

The application for patent term adjustment is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **five hundred thirty (530) days**. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On November 10, 2005, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment (PTA) to date is two hundred twenty-nine (229) days. On February 3, 2006, Applicants timely¹ submitted an application for patent term adjustment, asserting that the correct number of days of PTA at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is five hundred thirty-three (533) days. However, the application for patent term adjustment was dismissed in a decision mailed on March 31, 2006.

The Office determined a patent term adjustment of two hundred twenty-nine (229) days based on an adjustment for PTO delay of five hundred thirty-three (533) days pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(C)(iii) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b)(4), reduced by Applicants' delays of three (3) days pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(C)(ii) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b), and three hundred one (301) days pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(C)(iii) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(8). The adjustment of three hundred one (301) days is at issue.

A review of the application file reveals that applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on July 19, 2005, after they had previously filed a Reply Brief on September 21, 2004. § 1.704(d) states that an IDS will not be considered a failure to engage under (c)(8) if it is accompanied by a statement that "each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by an individual in 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing" of the IDS.² The IDS filed on July 19, 2005 did not contain a proper 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d) statement.

With the request for reconsideration, applicants have certified under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that the communication was not received by an individual in 1.56(c) more than 30 days prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

¹ Applicants filed the application for patent term adjustment together with the payment of the issue fee.

² Emphasis added.

In view thereof, the correct determination of patent term adjustment is **five hundred thirty (530) days**.

The matter is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Cliff Congo, Petitions Attorney, at (571)272-3207.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kery Fries". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kery" and last name "Fries" clearly distinguishable.

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Enclosure: Copy of Revised PAIR Screen

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/087897

Application Filing Date:	03/01/2002	PTO Delay (PTO):	533
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	304
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